

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as set forth below in marked-up form.

High bit-rate data and low bit-rate data for the same material are recorded in time division. Meanwhile, the recorded low bit-rate data is read out so as to be used for verification or time-shift playback. In a time-shift playback process, a plurality of tags, each tag containing ~~low~~ low-resolution data, ~~are~~ is read out at a time so that the read out ~~low~~ low-resolution data are played back within excessive time generated by successively recording a plurality of cartons. For example, five cartons corresponding to an input video signal for 10 seconds are successively recorded. Within the resulting excessive time of 1.6 ($= 5 \times 0.32$) seconds, five tag are successively read out so as to play back the ~~low~~ low-resolution data for the reproduction time of 10 seconds. The present invention is applicable to a disc recorder.